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Re: Universal Leaf Tobacco Co. v. M/V MSC WASHINGTON, et al.
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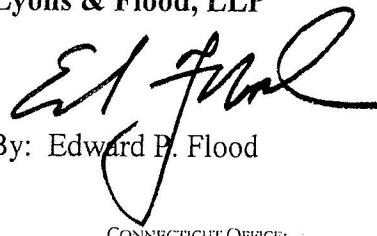
Dear John,

As per our recent discussion, enclosed please find two (2) courtesy copies of the Third-Party Complaint we have today filed with the Court in regard to the above-captioned matter.

I understand you will be speaking with VIT and the Ceres Entities and/or their respective underwriters to determine if your firm will be representing any of these Third-Party Defendants.

Very truly yours,

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By: Edward P. Flood

(Enclosures)

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